



Mississippi Yazoo Bombing Range

Facility and Location

The Army Air Forces acquired the Yazoo Bombing Range, located approximately five miles southwest of Yazoo City in 1941. The range was 2,476 acres in size and was used as an auxiliary site for the Jackson Army Air Base (AAB). Students of the Royal Netherlands Military School, stationed at Jackson AAB, used the site as a practice bombing range. The 2,476 acre bombing range was authorized on July 30, 1941, and funded by Public Law 139 and the 77th Congress. The site was initially acquired by lease agreement with private landowners. Subsequent negotiations for renewals of the lease were unsuccessful and continued use of the site was then accomplished by leasehold condemnation proceedings. On July 24, 1944, Yazoo Bombing Range was declared excess, and the disposal authorization was dated October 31, 1944. The leases were subsequently terminated. Further research showed that the Royal Dutch pilots stationed at the Jackson AAB trained in the P-40 fighter and the B-25 bomber. The former bombing range is currently owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Department of the Interior, and used as a National Wildlife Refuge.

Media Sampled and Findings

Surface Water — In 2007, one of three samples detected perchlorate at 0.03 ppb.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.